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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find transmitted herewith an AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION in the above-identified application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed May 6, 2004, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 in view of a prior art reference.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: